

EVAN'S GOLDEN HEART GALA



A Night to Ignite the Golden Spark of Hope

February 28, 2026 | 6:30PM - 10:30PM
The Barn at Brambleton



Presented by Evan's Golden Heart Foundation





About Evan's Golden Heart Foundation

We're incredibly excited to host our first **Golden Heart Gala** on February 28, 2026, at the Barn at Brambleton to raise funds to bring smiles and support to children battling cancer and the families that love and support them.

About Evan's Golden Heart Foundation - Our Mission Drives Us

Evan's Golden Heart Foundation supports families and children battling childhood brain cancer, with a focus on Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG).

Founded after Evan's courageous 13-month battle with DIPG, the foundation provides critical emotional and financial support to families facing unimaginable challenges.

Mission: Bring smiles, support, and relief during the hardest moments.



Support for Families

When treatment costs rise and everyday life becomes overwhelming, we help cover essentials like groceries and gas so families can focus on what matters most: time together



Joy for Children

From toy deliveries to celebration packages, we bring small moments of happiness to children in treatment and remind them they're still kids, not just patients.



Hope for Tomorrow

We are working towards helping to fund research for childhood brain cancer, with a special focus on DIPG – the rare, aggressive tumor that took Evan's life far too soon.

Evan's Story and A Family's Promise

Honoring a Brave Young Boy and His Inspiring Legacy

- In May 2022, Gloria and Scott Sweeney learned their four-year-old son, Evan, had Grade 4 Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) – a rare and terminal brain tumor with no cure and no surgical option.
- For thirteen months, he faced each day with courage, laughter and love that touched everyone around him.
- Heartbreakingly, on June 19, 2023, Evan gained his angel wings after a thirteen month battle.

Out Of That Devastating Loss Came A Promise:

To help other families walking the same path know they are not alone!

Evan's Golden Heart Foundation was built on a love that refused to look away – the support of friends and family who carried the Sweeneys through their darkest days.

Now, that love carries others.



Helping Hearts - How We Support Families

Delivering support and joy to children and families affected by cancer

In our first two years, we have:

- Delivered over 2,000 toys to Children's National, INOVA Fairfax, and INOVA Loudoun hospitals
- Celebrated special milestones for children battling DIPG - completing radiation treatment, birthday gifts, and other moments of joy
- Supported families with real costs as they battle cancer with their children - groceries, bills, gas, and funeral and memorial costs



Our Vision For Tomorrow

Focusing on Growth, support, and expanded reach for families

- Partner with Children's National Hospital and INOVA Fairfax oncology departments to sponsor families
- Partner with INOVA Fairfax to enhance their children's oncology floor experience - portable fish tanks, sensory walls, and more
- Expand financial and emotional support programs for families and kids
- Work towards funding DIPG clinical and research trials



MAKE AN IMPACT

Turn empathy into action.

Help families facing childhood brain cancer feel seen and supported.



Heart-led. Action-driven.

It's easy to look away from what hurts. Join a community that leans in with love. Every gift turns empathy into something real for families walking through their darkest days.



Leave a Legacy

Your support is essential in helping families navigate the challenges of childhood cancer. Together, we can create a lasting difference that echoes through lives touched by love.



Sponsorship Opportunities

GOLDEN HEART SPONSOR \$10,000

*Premier Sponsorship Level with Exclusive Benefits
for Our Most Generous Sponsors*

- Top visibility during the event
- Premium recognition on all event platforms
- Stage recognition for our most generous sponsors
- Prominent logo placement across materials
- Heartfelt appreciation in our program

SILVER HEART SPONSOR \$2,500

*Supporting Families Through Compassionate
Connection and Community Engagement*

- Logo inclusion in event signage
- Digital recognition on website
- Highlight placement in auction materials
- Acknowledgment in the gala program

DIAMOND HEART SPONSOR \$5,000

*Prominent Recognition and Benefits for Our Valued
Sponsors*

- Prominent event and online recognition
- Premium auction promotion
- Priority brand placement at the gala
- Enhanced visibility across promotional materials

BRONZE HEART SPONSOR \$1,000

*Support our cause with a bronze heart
sponsorship level*

- Logo inclusion in event materials
- Website recognition for community visibility
- Acknowledgment in promotional communications



Donate to Our Silent & Live Auction



- Support the Golden Heart Gala by donating an auction item!
- Experiences (travel, dining, sports, entertainment)
- Gift baskets, spa packages, local services
- Memorabilia or VIP opportunities
- Donated items gain visibility with our community and gala supporters.
- Every contribution directly supports families battling childhood cancer.



Why Sponsor the Golden Heart Gala?

Partner With Purpose

Engage with our community and make a meaningful impact together

- Elevate your brand while showcasing your heart for community
- Demonstrate community leadership
- Gain recognition with a compassionate audience
- High visibility at the event and online

Directly support families and cancer warriors in our community and beyond

- Align with our mission to support families and cancer warriors in need
- Bring Hope to families and children fight for their lives
- Directly support families in crisis



BE THE IMPACT

Join the Team

We invite you and your business to help us make our first Golden Heart Gala a powerful success. Your sponsorship ensures every dollar helps families who need it most

- Your support empowers families in need
- 100% of funds go directly to Evan's Golden Heart Foundation
- Together, we can create lasting change

📍 **Gala Date: February 28, 2026**
📍 **Location: The Barn at Brambleton**





HEARTFELT THANKS



We are immensely grateful for your support and commitment to Evan's legacy!

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